

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of:

Laguens *et al.*

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For: METHOD TO INDUCE NEOVASCULAR  
FORMATION AND TISSUE  
REGENERATION

Customer No:

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.132**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

I, Roger Laham, declare as follows:

1. I am an expert in the field of cardiology and heart angiogenesis.
2. My credentials are set forth in my CV, which is attached. I have no relationship with Bio Sidus S.A., the owner of Sterrenbeld Biotechnologie North America Inc., or with Fundacion Universitaria Dr. Rene G. Favaloro, which I understand is co-owner of the patent application.
3. I have read the claims under consideration and am familiar with the application identified above. In particular, I am aware that broad claim 1 (as modified in a Reply to the Office Action dated February 5, 2008) is:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A method for inducing cardiomyogenesis, comprising administering to a cardiomyocyte or tissue comprising cardiomyocytes in need thereof a dose of a polynucleotide that encodes the vascular endothelial growth factor, VEGF 1-165,